

# Louisiana Department of Education

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received for the **Department of Education by the Purchasing and Contract Section, 1201 North Third Street, Claiborne Office Building, Fifth Floor - Suite 5-242, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, or Post Office Box 94064, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9064 until 2:00 P.M on Thursday, March 29, 2011.**

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time, and a tabulation will be made for consideration by the Owner in awarding the Contract.

Bids received after the above-designated date and time will not be opened and will be rejected.

ANY PERSON REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE TYPE(S) OF ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE THE BID OPENING.

FOR: Demolition of Phyllis Wheatley Elementary School  
2300 Dumaine Street  
New Orleans, LA 70119

PROJECT NUMBER: **2009-0718-0001**

Complete Bidding Documents may be obtained from:

**SRF Group Consulting, LLC**  
741 South Clark Street  
New Orleans, LA 70119

PHONE: (504) 488-1104

upon deposit of **\$250.00** for each set of documents. Deposit on the first two sets are fully refundable to all bona fide prime Bidders upon return of the documents, in good condition, no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids. **Fifty percent** of the deposit of all other sets of documents will be refunded upon return of documents as stated above.

All Bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the sum of the Base Bid and all Alternates, and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or Department of Education Bid Bond Form written by a surety company licensed to do business in Louisiana, signed by the surety's agency or attorney-in-fact. Surety must be listed on the current U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies as approved for an amount equal to or greater than the amount for which it obligates itself in the Bond, or must be a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A - rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide. If surety qualifies by virtue of its Best's listing, the amount of the Bond may not exceed ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the latest A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide. The Bid Bond shall be in favor of the Department of Education, and shall be accompanied by appropriate power of attorney. No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five percent (5%) by any method is acceptable.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract amount. Surety must be listed currently on the U. S. Department of Treasury Financial Management Service List (Treasury List) as approved for an amount equal to or greater than the contract amount, or must be an insurance company domiciled in Louisiana. If the Surety is not listed on the Treasury List, and has less than an "A-" rating (as shown in the latest edition of A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide) the maximum Contract amount for which that Surety may provide a Bond is \$500,000.00 (Five Hundred Thousand Dollars), or fifteen percent of the Surety's policyholders' surplus (as shown by Surety's most recent financial statements filed with the Louisiana Department of Insurance), whichever is less. If the Surety is not listed on the Treasury List, and has at least an "A-" rating or better (as shown in the latest edition of A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide), the maximum Contract amount for which that Surety may provide a Bond is fifteen percent of the Surety's policyholders' surplus (as shown by Surety's most recent financial statements filed with the Louisiana Department of Insurance. The Bond shall be signed by the surety's agent or attorney-in-fact, and shall be in favor of the State of Louisiana, Department of Education.

#### **A PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD**

**at 10:00 AM on Thursday, March 17, 2011 at Jacobs/CSRS Program Management,  
909 Poydras Street, Suite 1200, New Orleans, LA 70112**

Attendance at this conference is not required but Bidders are advised that they will be required to state on the Bid Form that they have personally inspected and are familiar with the Project site located at **2300 Dumaine Street, New Orleans, LA 70119.**

Bids shall be accepted from Contractors who are licensed under LA. R.S. 37:2150-2163 for the classification of **Classification 1 – Building Construction.** Bidder is required to comply with provisions and requirements of LA R.S.38:2212 (A)(1)(c). No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt of bids, except under the provisions of LA. R.S. 38:2214.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with La. R.S. 38:2212 (A) (1)(b), the provisions and requirements of this Section, those stated in the advertisement bids, and those required on the bid form shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived by any public entity.

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC FUNDING:**

Notice is hereby given that this Project is to be financed by bonds which are required to be sold after receipt of the Bids on the Contract, OR is to be financed in whole or in part by federal or other funds which will not be readily available at the time the Bids are received. As a result, pursuant to La. R.S. 38:2215, the Owner is exempt from the requirement of acting to award the Contract or reject all Bids within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt of the Bids. Pursuant to this Statute, the Owner specifically reserves the right to hold all Bids for greater than thirty (30) calendar days.

When this project is financed either partially or entirely with State Bonds, the award of this Contract is contingent upon the granting of lines of credit, or the sale of bonds by the Bond Commission. The State shall incur no obligation to the Contractor until the Contract Between Owner and Contractor is fully executed.

#### **INCORPORATION OF INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS INTO ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

The Instructions to Bidders contained in the Bid Documents (referenced above), and all requirements contained therein, are incorporated into this Advertisement for Bids as if completely set forth herein.

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
PAUL G. PASTOREK - SUPERINTENDENT